

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The 1969 Annual Meeting

The 50th Annual Meeting held at Williamsburg, Virginia, 1-4 May 1969 is now history, and those who attended will testify that it was a very successful one in every way. The Local Committee is to be congratulated on the manner in which all arrangements were made. The full Proceedings will be published in the September issue of *The Bulletin*.

The meeting closed with the election of a new slate of officers whose names appear on the inside front cover of this issue.

The 51st Annual meeting will be held at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado in the later half of June 1970. The exact dates have not been fixed as yet. This will be a joint meeting with the Cooper Ornithological Society. Besides the paper sessions, which will probably be enlarged to cover three days, the meeting should offer many ornithological attractions, as Fort Collins is located on the High Plains, with the Colorado Front Range of the Rocky Mountains close at hand.

William W. H. Gunn has retired from the Editorial Board. Dr. Gunn has been a valuable member of the Board since 1959 and the Editor wishes to express his thanks to Dr. Gunn for his many services, and to wish him well as he assumes the Presidency of the Society.

At the recent meeting of the Executive Council special notice was taken of the devoted service to the Society of Mrs. Hazel Bradley Lory, who is retiring as Chairlady of the Membership Committee after ten years in that position.

The Subcommittee on Collections, of the Committee on Research of the American Ornithologists' Union, is conducting a survey of collections of birds in the United States and Canada. In the past, many studies utilizing museum materials have been handicapped by ignorance of the existence of potentially important specimens. We hope, by means of this survey, to enable future workers to take full advantage of all available material.

Survey forms have been sent to institutions and individuals known to have, or suspected of having, an ornithological collection. We request your assistance so that our survey will be as complete as possible.

If you have received a survey form, please complete it and return it promptly. If you have a collection and have not received a form, or if you know of other persons or institutions who have collections but who have not received a form, please notify Richard C. Banks, Bird and Mammal Laboratories, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C. 20560.

People who maintain a series of ten or more nesting boxes for Eastern Bluebirds have been sending nesting information to Dr. Douglas James, Department of Zoology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701. The data are used to evaluate the annual population fluctuations of bluebirds. Persons who qualify but are not now participating in the program should write Dr. James for the project report form.